

State efforts boost wheat crop in Zilfi

JEDDAH, Sept. 4 — There are 5,000 farms in Al-Zilfi and investments started recently at 500 other land plots. In a statement to *Al-Jazirah* Friday, a spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture and Water said that 30 million kgs. of wheat were produced and 172,000 head of cattle were treated in one year.

As a result of intensive efforts on the part of the ministry to reclaim as much land as possible, more than 80 percent of lands in Zilfi are now cultivable, the official said. Incentives provided by the ministry include land distribution and the extension of loans, subsidies and modern equipment. The government also provides guidance to the farmers through the establishment of pilot fields. Moreover, seminars are organized frequently to popularize modern techniques and to give advice to the farmers. The latter are also given fruit saplings and high-production seeds. They are told how to immunize their plants and protect fruit trees. Instructions about proper irrigation and fertilizing are also given. The ministry gives guidance on the digging of wells.

Special teams equipped with all necessary remedies for the plants regularly tour the farms, spray them with insecticides and pesti-

cides and help the farmers in various ways. Training courses are also provided for the farmers on the identification of various pests and various methods to economize water as much as possible. The farmers' attention is drawn to the fact that too much water leads to higher humidity that attracts pests. Furthermore, they are shown how to protect themselves against pesticides.

Livestock breeding in the area is on the increase; because here also the ministry informs the farmers about sound cattle raising and what kind of animal fodder and water is to be given to the beasts. It also tells them how to immunize their cattle and how to diagnose veterinary diseases. In case a disease is detected, the farmers immediately notify the ministry's local branch, which so far treated 142,272 heads in one year.

Subsidies given to the farmers in Zilfi include, for instance, SR50 for each successful palm; SR0.25 per kg. of dates; and SR0.25 per kg. of wheat. Agriculture in the area was greatly mechanized in recent years, which augmented the area with arable land. The government supplies adequate fertilizers and has even cut down their price. Seeds are selected at the ministry's laboratories before they are given to the landlords. The ministry uses audio-visual equipment to increase the

farmers' awareness about modern methods of agriculture and indicates to them the dates when each crop is to be planted in the area.

The best crops produced in Zilfi include wheat, barley, maize, water melon and various types of fruits. Potato and peanut culture is under promotion after preliminary tests proved successful.

The 60,000 donum area in which wheat is planted has produced 30 million kgs. of wheat this year. Last year, the wheat area was only 35,000 donums which produced 14 million kgs. of wheat. The 180-sq. kilometers of cultivated land in Zilfi is owned by 4,000 farmers. What is now needed is a cooperative society for those farmers to market their fruit and vegetable products and make cold storages to reduce damage caused by excessive heat in the region. Irrigation by spraying is also necessary to cut down water consumption, the official told *Al-Jazirah*.

Several projects have been successfully carried out in the area as a result of close cooperation between the ministry and the agricultural bank. They include projects for the production of green and dry animal feed; for the production of dairy products and for poultry breeding. There are at least 15 dairy projects.

SR11.5 million contracts signed

TAIF, Sept. 4 (SPA) — Taif municipality recently signed contracts worth SR11.5 million with national firms, Dr. Hassan Hajrah, the delegated mayor, said Friday.

The contracts call for the repair and maintenance of street lights in the city. Hajrah also said that a three-day seminar of heads of municipalities will be held in Taif Sept. 8. Taif municipality was upgraded from category 'B' to 'A', a few months ago by Prince Miteb, minister of public works and housing and acting minister of municipal and rural affairs.

Guard to boost literacy drive

RIYADH, Sept. 4 — The National Guard will join the Ministry of Education and other quarters concerned with adult education and literacy to mark International Day for the Eradication of Illiteracy next Tuesday, according to Soliman Abdul Rahman Al-Zuhair, director of the Guard's culture and education department.

In a statement to *Okaz*, the official said that his department has prepared more than 120 panels and posters comprising verses from the Holy Qur'an and famous sayings of the Holy Prophet, encouraging people to learn and warning against ignorance. It has distributed these posters to various areas in Saudi Arabia for use in streets and public squares.

A Guard meeting is also scheduled shortly among all officials involved in education promotion to discuss the dimensions of illiteracy and to urge illiterates to read and write by joining the National Guard schools spread everywhere in the Kingdom. The Guard has 35 adult education and literacy schools.

Aged livestock banned

TAIF, Sept. 4 — The import of livestock whose age exceeds three years has been banned in Saudi Arabia, *Al-Jazirah* reported Friday.

The ban was imposed after a study, conducted jointly by the ministries of commerce and agriculture, showed that the number of aged livestock imported in Saudi Arabia was on the increase.

BRIEFS

RIYADH — A sum of SR12 million will be spent to expand the data center of Saudi Telephone here, *Al-Jazirah* reported Friday. The present 3,000 sq. meter land plot on which the center is built will be expanded to 5,500 sq. meters. Also, SR20 million will be spent to double the IBM computer's present capacity to process 2,000 instructions per second to cope with Riyadh's 500,000 line telephone network.

JEDDAH — The Board of Public Supervision will not look into any contracts among government departments, firms and establishments if they are written in any other language than Arabic, *Al-Jazirah* reported Friday. The first to comply with the system was the Ministry of Higher Education.

DAWADMI — New dispensaries are being built in this area by national firms. Contracts were recently awarded to the firms to build dispensaries at Al-Bajadeyyah, Al-Rafayeh (Al-Jamsh), Masaddah, Al-Shoara; Al-Hufayrah; and Arja. According to *Al-Jazirah*, the health ministry wishes the dispensaries to be housed in their own buildings rather than in rented ones.

UMLUJ — Comprehensive statistics are being drawn up for Umluj, Al-Wajh and Daba, *Okaz* reported Friday. A mission from the General Department of Statistics (Ministry of Finance and Economy) arrived here recently for this purpose. It is touring here and neighboring villages and, with the help of teachers and students, is improving the condition of commercial shops, firms and government departments.

UMLUJ — The Price Control Committee caught a number of dress-making shops here

selling at excessive prices during an inspection tour recently. The dress-makers were taken to the governorate and had to give an undertaking in writing that they will henceforth abide by the tariffs, *Okaz* reported Friday.

YANBU — The general director for Yanbu Industrial Project at the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu has completed a film about the traditional features of Yanbu, how it looked in the past, and the transformation the area has undergone as a result of the major industrial scheme there, according to *Okaz*. A documentary film will be produced every six months about project development in the area and a copy sent to Crown Prince Fahd, the president of the commission.

BAHA — Pilot fields are being planted here to demonstrate to farmers the most recent methods of cultivation, according to *Okaz*. The Area's director of agriculture and water, Ali Abdullah Al-Rajeh, said that the directorate is in the process of selecting suitable fields to increase such pilot projects at Ghamed and Zahran and for planting winter crops in green houses. He added that the saplings will be given free-of-charge to the farmers.

JEDDAH — Muhammad Mustapha Senghor, a Muslim physician from Gambia, came here recently to perform the Umrah (minor pilgrimage). He performed the Umrah, July 25, but on his way back to Jeddah had a road accident and was taken to hospital. He lost his money, and his ticket to New York expired. *Okaz* launched an appeal in his favor Friday.



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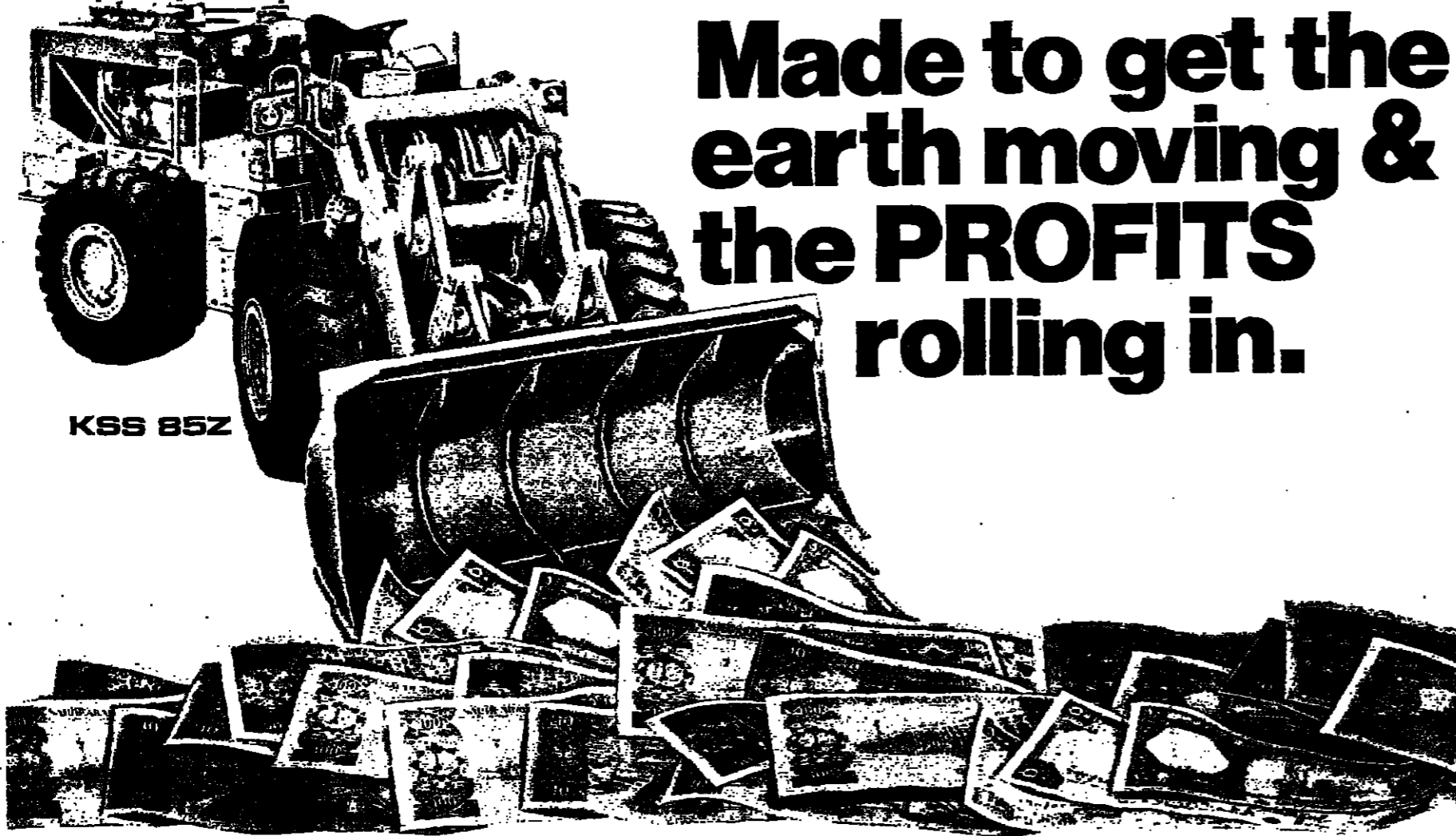
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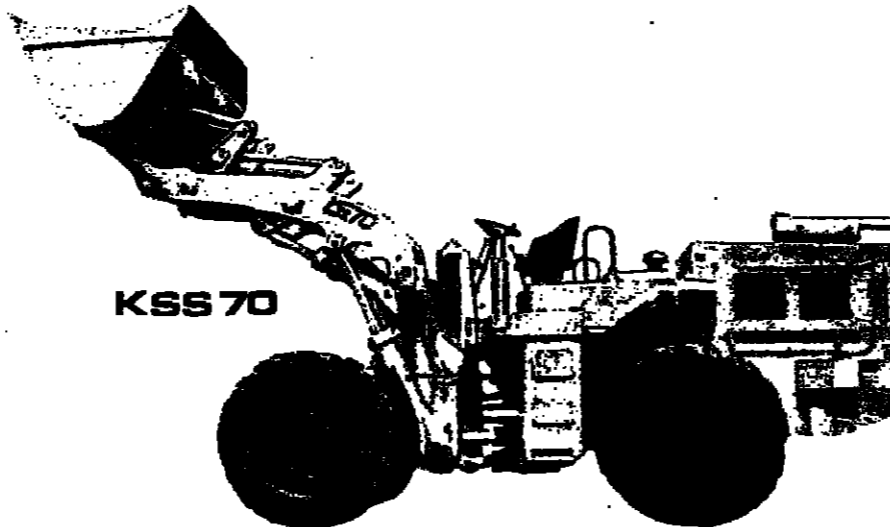
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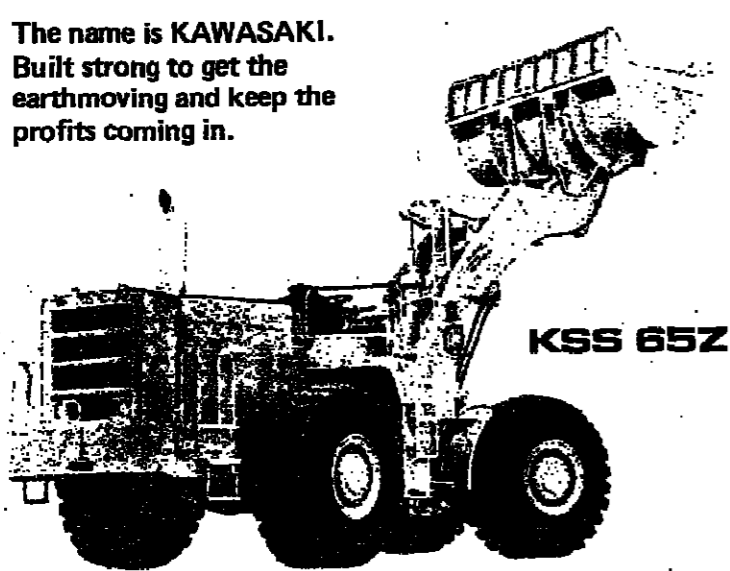
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during pilgrimage season

Special units to treat sunstroke cases

TAIF, Sept. 4 — All hospitals in Makkah, Jeddah, Riyadh and Dammam as well as the King Fahd hospital at Medina will have special units for the treatment of sunstrokes and ailments. Okaz reported Friday. Beds specially designed to treat such cases will be installed in the hospitals as well as at small clinics in the holy places and along the roads leading to those places as of this year.



SPECIAL BED: Sunstroke cases will be treated with the help of a special bed which has been designed by the General Directorate for Health Affairs of the Western Province with the assistance of British experts in London.

The special beds, or units, were designed by the General Directorate for Health Affairs of the Western Province with the help of British experts in London. Eight units will be supplied to Arafat central hospital; four to Al-Rahma hospital; three to Arafat health centers; two for two centers at Muzaffah road; and three for Mina's dispensaries. Patients lying on these beds will receive a continuous flow of cold water all over their body while a warm wind is directed towards their bodies. The bed has electronic equipment to measure the pulse and temperature.

Kingdom builds library in Chicago

RIYADH, Sept. 4 (SPA) — Warithuddin Muhammad, imam of the Bilalians (Black Muslims) calling themselves the Ummat al-Munawwarin Group in the West, Friday cabled his thanks to King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd for the building of an Islamic library for the group in Chicago, sponsored by Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University.

The \$421,000 library will be officially inaugurated at the end of this month by Dr. Abdullah Al-Turki, vice-chancellor of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University. The group also plans to build an Islamic Teachers' College in Chicago with help from the Islamic Solidarity Fund.

Prayer Times

Table with columns for city (Makkah, Medina, Riyadh, Dammam, Buraidah, Tabuk) and times for various prayer periods (Fajr, Dhuhr, Asr, Maghrib, Isha).

from North Yemen this year. Yemeni Airlines has chartered 160 flights for the pilgrims.

Preparations are at full swing in Jeddah, Makkah and Medina for the pilgrims' arrival and departure to ensure their comfort. Sheikh Muhammad Abdul Aziz Al-Sabil, the imam and khatib of the Holy Haram Mosque said Thursday that the Department of the Two Holy Harams' Affairs has mobilized 1,200 mutawwifs and guides at the Holy Haram in Makkah. The most qualified officials have been selected for this task.

Meanwhile, this week's Saudi Business reported that pilgrims from Yemen and the Gulf Arab countries will enjoy special treatment. Apart from the fact that they are exempt from fees, they will not be handled by the United Agents Office. Instead, they will be treated as ordinary passengers by the passport and immigration authorities. Special areas have been allotted to them at the Hajj terminal. However, the representative of Yemeni Airlines made it known that he will officially apply to Jeddah Airport director, so that Yemeni nationals may only be admitted at the northern terminal without having to share the pilgrims' terminal.

Public projects being completed

MEDINA, Sept. 4 (SPA) — Medina municipality is implementing projects worth SR200 million, for the paving and lighting of several streets. Trees will also be planted on both sides of the streets.

Mayor Sadaqa Khashoggi said that the municipality has built a fish market, fenced public parks and set up utilities in various districts at an overall cost of SR14.5 million. Soon, a tunnel will be built around the Holy Prophet's mosque. The project will cost SR60 million. Likewise, SR50 million will be spent on constructing flyovers at intersections. Other projects include a SR300 million public park outside the city with all the necessary services. Another SR370 million will be paid as compensation for planned expropriations.

More cheats apprehended, sent to prison

JEDDAH, Sept. 4 — The Interior Ministry arrested a fresh group of 31 persons, including three Saudi Arabians, who Thursday received prison terms of one to three years and were fined SR1,000 to SR20,000, on account of bribery and fraud.

Okaz reported Friday that the foreigners will also be deported and blacklisted. The heaviest penalties were awarded to the nationals. One of them, Saud Fadgoush Shelyan Al-Harbi forged a check. He was fine SR30,000 and will go to prison for one year. The other, Ali Othman ibn Ahmed Issa, was caught accepting bribe in his office. He was fined SR20,000.

A Filipino, Augusto Redel, forged cargo documents in the name of Aramco. He was awarded a two-year jail term and fined SR10,000. The convicts also included 17 Pakistanis, one Thai, one Egyptian, one Jordanian and one Iraqi. Arab News Friday published the names of a number of foreigners who were earlier arrested on charges of falsification and bribery.

Remedies suggested

Aliens' problems discussed

JEDDAH, Sept. 4 — Foreign workers in Saudi Arabia flee their sponsors or work illegally for others because they are underpaid, according to Ahmad Al-Yahya, director of labor office of the Western Province.

The official as well as other sponsors and workers were quoted by Okaz Friday as saying that workers sign contracts in their original countries before knowing the prevailing living standard in Saudi Arabia and the limitation of their salary. In many cases they are upset because co-workers doing the same job receive higher wages. Also, when their hard work is not appreciated by the owner of the enterprise, they flee.

Workers sounded by the newspaper though that one remedy could be provided by setting up some guidance body to receive the workers as soon as they arrive in Saudi Arabia and before taking up their jobs. They should first be briefed on the country's laws governing labor; because some of them flee or work for other sponsors or fail to turn to the authorities to solve their problems and differences with their sponsor out of ignorance. In fact, there is a section at the labor office which tries to reconcile between the workers and their sponsors in case of dispute.

Otherwise, a first degree committee (court) issues a ruling within 30 days which takes effect unless contested by either party, the paper said.

More serious is the fact that some nationals import labor without really having an establishment.

They channel the workers to other enterprises and take a commission. Such persons deserve severe punishment, it was unanimously agreed. The snatching of labor by one enterprise from another was also reported. Yahya said that a committee meets every week at the office of Jeddah's district commissioner to consider such cases and to propose penalties including fine of a SR2,000 to SR10,000 and deportation.

However, Yahya added, the best solution to help put an end to labor escape is for the sponsors to pay the workers the wage they really deserve. They could also benefit from state regulations which permit the seconding of workers from one establishment or one sponsor to another for a period of three months. However, he noted, not more than 30 percent of the work force of any sponsor could be seconded. In such cases, a transfer of sponsorship is allowed.

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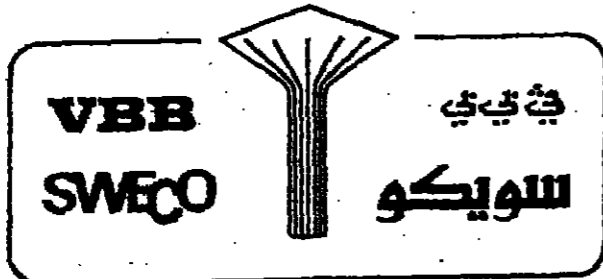
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Arafat said visiting Japan next month

TOKYO, Sept. 4 (AP) — Palestinian Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat has announced he will visit Japan in October, Japan's mass circulation paper *Asahi* newspaper reported Friday from Beirut. Arafat was invited to Japan by a Japanese parliamentary delegation headed by former Foreign Minister Toshio Kimura, which visited Beirut in December.

The Japanese government, which does not recognize the PLO, will extend normal diplomatic courtesies to the PLO chief, the newspaper added. The PLO's Tokyo office, meanwhile, termed the *Asahi* report premature and said it was "not based on an official

announcement from our side."

Arafat has said in the past he would not visit Japan unless he received an official invitation from the Japanese government. Foreign ministry officials also said they were unaware that a date had been fixed for the proposed visit — that government officials said would include meetings with Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and Foreign Minister Susao Sonoda. The report said Arafat probably will arrive in Japan Oct. 15 or 16. Such a visit is seen as a major step by Japan toward granting political and diplomatic recognition to the PLO, which has had offices in Tokyo since 1977, the newspaper said.

For training

Nicaraguan troops leave for Libya

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Sept. 4 (AP) — A group of 60 Nicaraguan soldiers heading for military training in Libya provoked a minor incident here when they tried to carry their weapons aboard an aircraft, *La Nacion* newspaper reported Thursday.

The soldiers, on a stopover here on their way to the Libyan capital of Tripoli via Madrid, tried to board an Iberia Airlines flight

Greece amazed at Qaddafi's threat

ATHENS, Sept. 4 (AP) — The Greek government Thursday expressed "amazement" at the recent statement by Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi threatening to hit American bases in the Mediterranean in the event the United States attacked the Gulf of Sidra.

Foreign Minister Constantine Mitsotakis said: "We are amazed by the statement, and

Shahi discusses arms aid with Haig

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (AP) — Visiting Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi held a meeting here Wednesday night with Secretary of State Alexander Haig, diplomatic sources said here Thursday.

This second meeting within a month between the two men follows soon after a high-level U.S. delegation visited Islamabad to

with their 38-caliber pistols at their sides, the paper said. Refused permission to board armed, they were finally convinced by Nicaragua's ambassador here, Roberto Leal, to put their pistols in the baggage compartment. The paper said the incident took place last Sunday.

Leal said the men were to receive three months of military training course in Libya.

cannot understand the logic behind it," Mitsotakis said the allied installations in Greece are of a defensive nature. He said Greece's foreign policy "includes a policy of friendship and cooperation with the Arab world." The statement added that his sentiments have been relayed to the Libyan diplomatic office in Athens.

discuss U.S. military and economic aid to Pakistan. The proposed aid, valued at some \$3 billion, includes the provision on F-16 fighters. The aid must still be approved by Congress. Shahi is to take part in the annual United Nations General Assembly meeting which opens this month in New York, State Department sources said.

Pugwash council condemns Israel raid on Tammuz

BANFF, Alberta, Canada, Sept. 4 (AP) — Israel's raid on an Iraqi nuclear research center June 7 at Tammuz was condemned Thursday by the Pugwash Council, an international group of nuclear arms experts dedicated to peace.

In a communique issued at a news conference winding up its annual meeting, the organization also called for an immediate resumption of disarmament talks, a satellite to keep an eye on the superpowers and formation of a world energy agency to help developing countries.

"The Pugwash Council deplors the use of military force by Israel against the Iraqi research center, whatever Israel's perception of a threat to its security," the conference communique said. "We oppose in general the use of military force to settle questions for which peaceful solutions must be sought." The group also lashed out at "militarism" in several countries — "regimes where power is in the hands of soldiers" — although a preliminary report issued a day earlier was more cautious. In a document titled enhancing international security, organizers said: "Human rights require constant attention, but the right to survive in the face of a nuclear war is the overriding priority today."

New U.N. envoy of Kuwait assumes charges

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 4 (AP) — Ambassador Muhammad A. Abdulhassan, 38, took over as Kuwait's permanent U.N. representative as he handed his credentials to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim Thursday. He was in the Kuwaiti mission to U.N. Geneva offices from 1968 to 1973. He then became first secretary of embassy in Tehran. From 1975 to 1978, he was ambassador to China, and since 1978, he has served simultaneously as ambassador to Yugoslavia, Hungary and East Germany.

Turkish prisoners allege torture

ISTANBUL, Sept. 4 (AP) — Spokesmen for 147 alleged Turkish leftist militants who appeared before a military court here Thursday claimed they were systematically tortured and denied access to their lawyers during detention.

The charges were made in the first hearing of a mass trial at a hastily-built courtroom in Metris, 15 kms north of Istanbul and the center of a military garrison. The 147 are accused of being members of the outlawed Turkish Communist Party, Turkish Revolutionary Peasants Liberation Army and the party's so-called provisional coordination committee.

The suspects, who have been in military custody for several months, were transferred to the heavily-guarded courtroom in armored vehicles from a nearby detention center. Journalists and more than 30 defense lawyers who signed up for the case were searched twice before entering the courtroom, a one-story unimposing structure built to try thousands of other extremists still awaiting prosecution.

The first hour of Wednesday's session was devoted to a flurry of complaints by defendants, including 10 girls, about prison conditions and alleged mishandling by prison authorities.

Several spokesmen for the defendants, who interrupted regular court procedures,

Mitterrand accepts Israeli invitation

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4 (AP) — French President Francois Mitterrand has told Israel's ambassador to France he would like to visit Israel this year, an Israeli newspaper reported Thursday.

Yedioth Ahronoth reported that Mitterrand accepted an invitation to visit here from Ambassador Meir Rosenne, whom he met Tuesday. Rosenne conveyed Israel's displeasure over the meeting earlier this week in Beirut between French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson and Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat.

A foreign ministry spokesman was unable to confirm the newspaper report, which noted that Mitterrand's projected visit would be the first to the Zionist state by a French president. France and Israel have long been at odds over Paris's Mideast policy, and the meeting between Cheysson and Arafat was viewed here as a setback to Israeli hopes that Mitterrand's administration would change France's pro-Arab stand.

According to the newspaper, Mitterrand told Rosenne he supported the Camp David peace accords and expressed the hope they would be extended to include other Mideast countries in addition to Israel and Egypt. The French president also reportedly expressed reservations about the European Common Market proposals for a Middle East peace, the newspaper said, although he emphasized the differences between the French and Israeli approaches to the Palestinian issue.

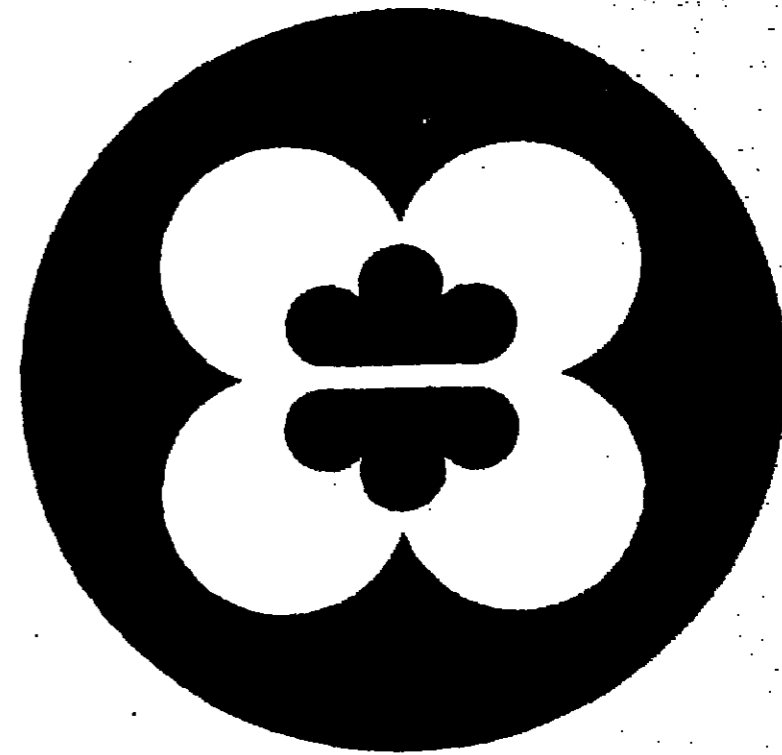
complained about "denial of routine and standard rights in prison." Huseyin Karakus, a prime defendant in the case facing the death penalty, claimed he last saw his lawyer about two months ago. He called on the three-judge military panel to guarantee the right of defense. Other suspects spoke of beatings and "systematic torture" at the hands of police investigators.

One of the lawyers claimed they were

being regarded by prison officials as "accomplices" of the suspects and demanded an end to what he said were "prejudices against the right of defense." Nazife Sekerirran, a female suspect, also told the court they were given military training and "subjected to physical and psychological torture."

The military prosecutor has asked the death penalty for 20 suspects.

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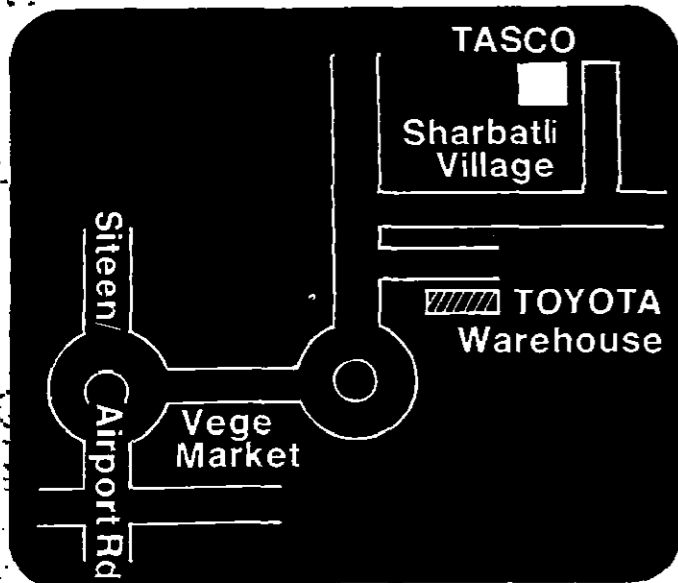
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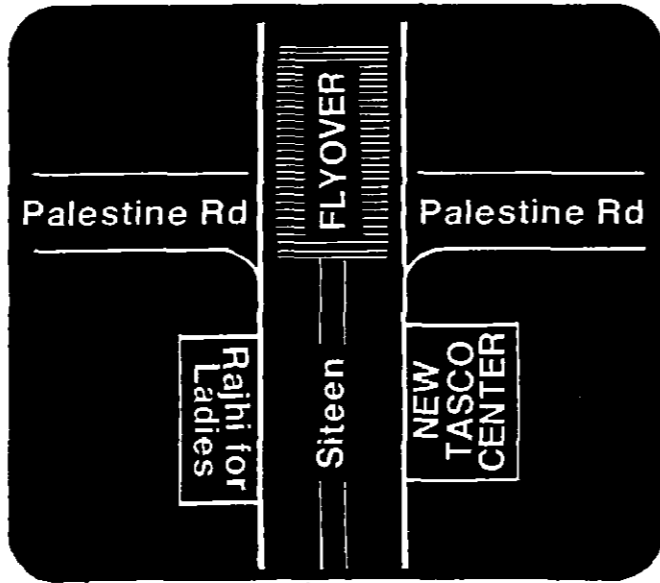
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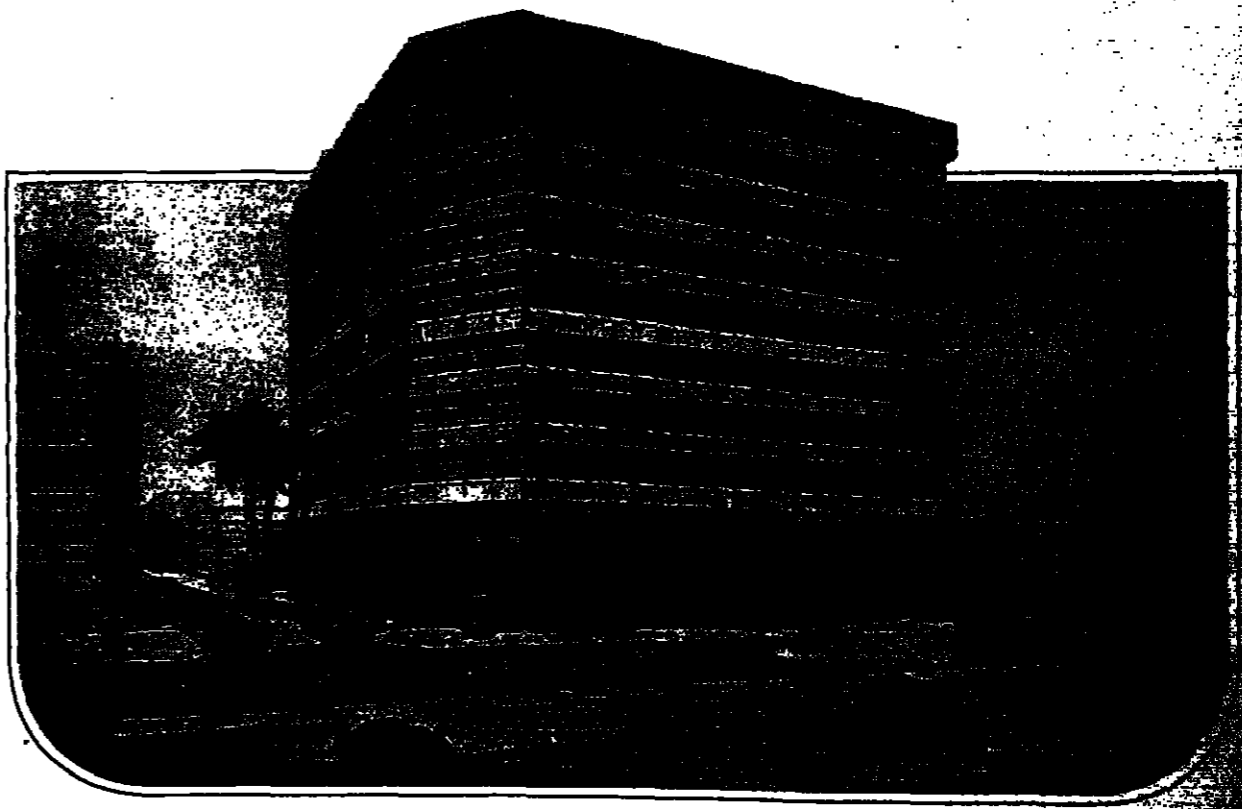
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Bomb suspects arrested

Mrs. Rajai blames poor security

TEHRAN, Sept. 4 (Agencies) — The widow of assassinated Iranian President Muhammad Ali Rajai Friday accused the head of security at the prime minister's office of responsibility for the death of her husband and Prime Minister Muhammad Javad Bahonar.

Speaking at Friday prayers at Tehran University, Mrs. Rajai said: "The person in charge of security at the prime minister's office is responsible for the explosion through negligence and weakness." The two leaders were killed instantly last Sunday when a bomb exploded during a meeting of the Supreme Defense Council.

The widow said that her husband considered respecting security measures a "religious duty." She called on the people to prepare for new presidential elections, adding: "It is necessary to give martyrs to our revolution, as this is spiritual and not for material gain." The son of the late president, a boy of around 12 years old, then told the crowd that "the way of the martyrs will be followed."

The prayer meeting, which fell the last of five days' national mourning, was highly emotional, with many of the faithful in tears. Parliamentary Speaker Hojatolislam Hashemi Rafsanjani, who is standing in as Tehran Friday prayer leader in place of Ali Khamenei, wounded in an assassination attempt earlier this summer, said: "We have 2,000 Bahonars in this country — as yet unknown, but all teachers faithful to the revolution."

Jalaludin Farsi, eliminated from the 1980 presidential elections — which brought now disgraced Abolhasan Bani-Sadr to power — owing to his Afghan origins, described Sunday's attack as "imperialism's last weapon."

Turning on the People's Mujahedeen, whom several Iranian leaders have blamed for the attack, Farsi accused the dissident organization of "joining Bani-Sadr, Ghassemlou (leader of a Kurdish nationalist movement), the atheist Baathists and (French President Francois) Mitterrand and his military base."

Meanwhile, Supreme Court Chief Ayatollah Mussavi Ardebili said on Radio Tehran that no decision had yet been reached on who was to blame for the bombing. He refused to refer to employees of the prime minister's office arrested Thursday as suspects, adding that "the people will be informed when the time comes."

Meanwhile, Iranian leader Nabavi disclosed that the device which exploded in the prime ministry killing Rajai and Bahonar was an incendiary bomb.

The bomb weighed about two pounds or a little less than a k.g. "The explosion was not very strong."

Nabavi said that the technical investigation of the attack was finished. As to the arrests, details would be "made public by court authorities when they judge the time to be ripe."

The minister gave no indication what the functions had been of the arrested people working in Premier Bahonar's office. But Nabavi indicated the plot involved "people working inside the office and people from the outside."

In an interview with newspaper *Keyhan*, the Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Musavi has acknowledged that his country's diplomatic staff was seriously undermined as the result of between 600 and 700 dismissals since the founding of the republic in 1979.

In an interview with the newspaper

Keyhan, the minister announced that in the short term, new diplomatic personnel would be recruited from "persons faithful to the revolution — even if they were not as yet particularly strong in this specialty" of diplomacy. He added that longer-term projects foresaw the training of officials "capable of acting as the voice of the revolution" abroad following courses of political and ideological education and admission by way of special exams.

In New Delhi, Iraq's ambassador to India said Friday he hopes the upheaval in Iran will lead to the rise of new leaders there who will be ready to seek an end to the Iran-Iraq war.

"The current turmoil in Iran is good because it will get out these people (presently in power) and bring in more sensible people," Ambassador Fadhil Al-Azzawi told the Associated Press. He maintained that Iran's current leadership does not want to negotiate an end to the fighting with Iraq.

"We will build (up the border area of Iran already taken by Iraq troops) and advance (further into Iran) if they do not settle this in the next round" of negotiations, Fadhil said. "We will not pull back one inch."

In another development, the exiled leader of the People's Mujahedeen party, Massud Rajavi, has expressed his desire to meet Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat, and has confirmed meeting recently with a leading Palestinian official, according to a press report in Beirut.

The Palestinian Wafa news agency reported that Hani Hassan had been summoned to Beirut following reports of his contact with Rajavi. According to a PLO official, Hassan was currently on sick leave and had no brief to meet with Iranian oppositionists. If such a meeting was held, it would have been a private initiative, Wafa said. The PLO official noted that the organization's policy remained one of "non-interference in the domestic affairs of a friendly country."

In Islamabad, Pakistani President Gen. Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq sent Ayatollah Muhammad Reza Kani a message Thursday congratulating him on becoming Iran's prime minister and assured Kani of his regime's commitment to "consolidating" friendly bilateral ties. The message coincided with the local publication of an interview in which Pakistan Foreign Minister Agha Shahi vigorously denied reports that "Iran was hostile to us" Pakistanis.

Trains ram in Algiers killing four

ALGIERS, Sept. 4 (AFP) — Four persons died and several more were injured Thursday when two trains collided about 200 kms west here, an official announcement said.

The accident occurred at the locality of Oued Rouina, when a passenger train and a freight train crashed in an area gravely damaged by last November's earthquake in which some 4,000 persons died. Rescue operations were still underway after nightfall, reports from the area said.

Earthquake hits Bandar Abbas

NICOSIA, Sept. 4 (AP) — An earthquake measuring five on the Richter Scale hit Thursday Iran's Bandar Abbas port regions 1,000 kms south of Tehran, Pars news agency reported.

It quoted the Tehran University Geophysics Institute as saying the quake struck at 2037 local time (1707GMT). The agency added that there were no reporters of casualties or damage. A major earthquake measuring 6.7 on the Richter Scale flattened several villages recently in Iran's southeastern province of Kerman killing 1,200 persons. More than 1,000 persons were killed and 1,500 others were injured in a previous earthquake in Kerman June 11. Pars said an earthquake had struck the Bandar Abbas area Aug. 22, but gave no details.

BRIEFS

BEIRUT, (AP) — Two rockets were fired Thursday night at the Libyan embassy in west Beirut, but missed, hitting a nearby building, police reported. The explosions caused material damage to the building but there were no casualties, a report said.

MOSCOW, (AFP) — The "normalization" of Afghanistan has run into "difficult conditions", the Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* admitted Friday, blaming this on "increased imperialist pressure" on the Kabul government.

BANGKOK, (AFP) — Deputy Egyptian Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali has signed a trade promotion agreement with Thai Foreign Minister Sithi Sawetasilai in Bangkok.

Islamizing society

Pakistan bans men's entry into women's institutions

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 4 (AP) — Pakistan President Gen. Muhammad Zia ul-Haq, who has launched a campaign to "Islamize" Pakistani society, has banned men from entering women's schools, colleges and other institutions, a government-owned newspaper reported Thursday.

The *Pakistan Times* quoted Northwest Frontier Province Education Minister Abdul Hashim as saying that the presidential directive would be strictly obeyed and that he himself would not visit all-women institutions. The move is keeping with Zia's well-publicized efforts to transform Pakistani life along Islamic lines, which seeks to segregate men and women in many social situations. Women have been instructed to keep their heads covered and the information ministry has announced it would encourage curbing the use of women in advertisements.

The directive followed Tuesday's death by stoning sentence awarded a high school bus driver in Karachi who was convicted of seducing one of the student-passengers and then eloping with her. However, it was not known whether Zia's order had any connection with the case which made headlines and drew editorial reaction from around the country.

U.S. refuses visa to Capucci

ROME, Sept. 4 (R) — The United States refused a visa to Monsignor Hilarion Capucci, the Greek Catholic archbishop because of his links with "terrorist or subversive groups", a U.S. Embassy spokesman has said.

"The visa was denied under section 212A 28F of the Immigration and Nationality Act which prohibits entry of people connected with terrorist or subversive groups," he said. Capucci, a former archbishop of Jerusalem, holds an Algerian passport.

The spokesman said the State Department had been consulted about the decision and the Algerian Embassy had been informed of the refusal. The prelate, a supporter of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), was imprisoned by Israel in 1974 but was released in 1977. Earlier Thursday he protested against the decision, calling it "a form of violation of human rights."

Capucci said he was surprised by the move, particularly since he held a written commendation from the U.S. government for his



President Zia Ul-Haq

The federal religious court in Islamabad must confirm the sentence before it can be carried out.

efforts during the Iranian hostage crisis. As special papal envoy, he traveled to Tehran several times last year, visiting the hostages and bringing back the bodies of eight U.S. servicemen killed in an abortive rescue mission. "I can confirm that," the U.S. Embassy spokesman said, "but it does not affect his eligibility for a visa."

Last four F-16s arrive in Israel

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4 (AP) — Four F-16 warplanes, the last of those delayed by the Reagan administration under an embargo ordered in the wake of Israel's bombing of Iraq's nuclear research center last June, arrived in Israel Thursday, the military command said.

Their arrival completed delivery of the 14 F-16s and three F-15 fighters held up by Reagan.

Arab Boycott warns foreign firms

TUNIS, Sept. 4 (R) — The Arab Economic and Social Council denounced foreign legislation "contrary to the Boycott of Israel" at its 31st session at ministerial level which ended Thursday. The ministers warned foreign businessmen and enterprises that "legitimate measures" would be taken to defend Arab interests.

The council also warned foreigners against "the negative implication for their interests" which could result from any infringement of the Arab Boycott. It said it was totally committed to reply collectively and at the proper time the recommenda-

tions of the Israel Boycott bureaus regarding companies that do not respect the boycott.

The council expressed support for observer status with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). The PLO application will be pursued by an Arab committee composed of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and the PLO and it will be placed on the agenda of the next annual meetings of the two international agencies.

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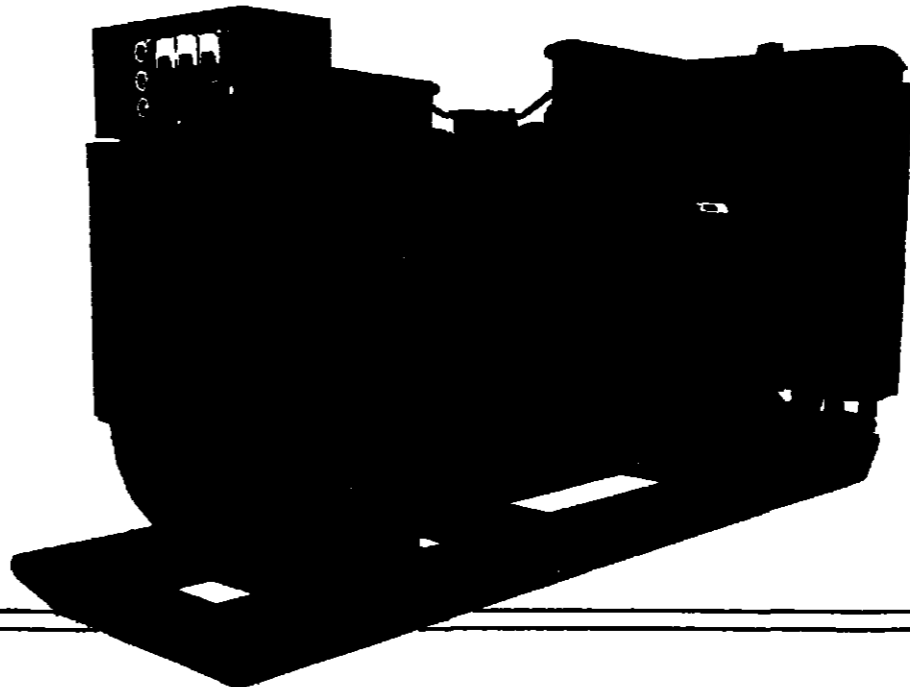
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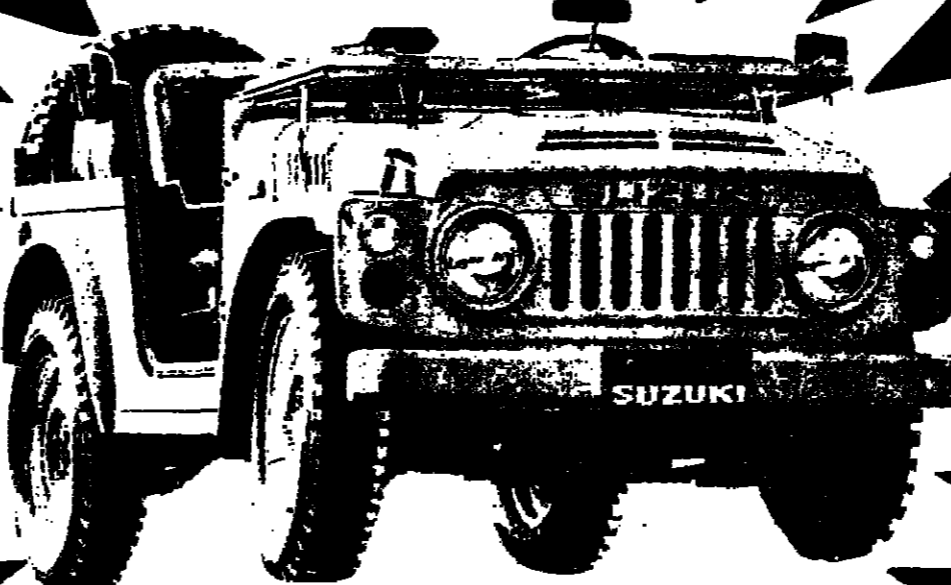
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Zionists bomb car at Soviet mission

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (AP) — A diplomat's car was firebombed early Friday near the Soviet mission to the United Nations, the second bombing attempt in as many days in the neighborhood of the mission, police said. No one was injured in the incident and police said they did not know if the car belonged to anyone based at the Soviet mission.

A telephone call to the Associated Press claimed a faction of the militant Jewish Defense League, which he called "Thunder of Zion," was responsible for both incidents. The caller, who did not identify himself, said the group demanded the immediate release of "all Soviet Jews oppressed in the Soviet Union." Otherwise he warned, "Soviet blood will flow on New York streets."

Police said a Molotov cocktail was used in Friday's bomb. It caused only minor damage to a vehicle with diplomatic license plates parked near the mission. Arno Weinstein of New York, director of the Jewish Defense League, commented, "it would be illegal to tell you we are responsible. But we fully support such actions."

On Thursday morning, a telephone call to the AP said he was from the "Thunder of Zion" and claimed responsibility for planting two gasoline-filled soda bottles armed with firecrackers under two cars registered to the Soviet mission. Neither of the devices exploded. Four others were found by a pedestrian in a nearby litter bin.

70% will survive nuclear attack, U.K. scientist hopes

YORK, England, Sept. 4 (AP) — A government scientist has said that up to 70 percent of the British population could survive a major nuclear attack, but rival experts strongly disputed his claim.

Sidney Butler, deputy director of the scientific advisory branch of the Home Office, said Thursday a nuclear attack would cause about 16 million immediate casualties and less than a million would die later from fallout. Britain has a population of 56 million.

He said at least half, and possibly up to 70 percent, of the population would survive, assuming there had been a warning of the attack and general adherence to *Protect and Survive* advice. *Protect and Survive* is a Home Office pamphlet.

Butler said the estimates were based on

the impact of a 200 megaton nuclear attack involving about 170 nuclear weapons. Taking part in a nuclear debate at the annual conference of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, Butler spoke in favor of government plans for civil defense shelters in populated areas.

But another speaker, Professor Josef Rotblat of London University who took part on the Manhattan project which created the first atomic bomb, said civil defense advice gave a "false sense of security."

"Mr. Butler and his colleagues might do a better job if they put their efforts into trying to work out ways of getting the U.K. government to stop the nuclear arms race," said

Rotblat, 73. "Many more lives will be saved."

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"But since I and other speakers do not accept this concept of a limited nuclear war, it is a fallacy. If there is a war, there will be all-out nuclear war. Under these circumstances, the whole concept is unrealistic of

people preparing themselves, buying up food and so on."

There will be no time for preparation. There will be panic. People will not stay indoors for long enough. They will go outside. All the protective factors are illusory," he said to loud applause.

Earlier in the debate, Professor George Rathjens of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology warned against the concept of surviving a limited nuclear war. "Politicians and military men just be advised that this is false. I doubt whether populations could be evacuated in time. There is just no hope: cities are too frail and weapons are too powerful for there to be any meaningful defense," Rathjens said.

Experts dispute claim

At Venice film festival

French actress steals show

VENICE, Italy Sept. 4 (AP) — Jeanne Moreau, the French superstar who touched off a storm here in 1959 with her love scene in *The Lovers*, is stealing the show in the revitalized Venice film festival which opened Wednesday.

None of her movies is being shown or entered in the competition for a Golden Lion Award. But her return to the festival, after an absence of more than 20 years, was enough to spark "an instant love affair," as one local newspaper put it.

Newspapers and television commentators call her the queen of the 49th festival and her fans follow her everywhere. "I find this baffling. What have I done? I am just an observer. But I must say I feel good," she told reporters.

The 53-year-old actress disclosed that, after a year of playing in theater and record-

ing songs, she plans to return to directing and make her third film as director later this year. Almost 100 films will be shown during the festival which runs until Sept. 11. But only 20 film are competing for the two Golden Lion Awards being given this year — one for the best film and the other best first or second work by a director.

The festival got off to a running start with the showing of Peter Bogdanovich's *They All Laughed* which was enthusiastically received. *True Confessions* by Ulu Grosbard, starring Robert de Niro and Robert Duvall is in the running for the best film, along with Sidney Lumet's *Prince of the City*.

On the closing day, the festival will present the premier of a feature film on the life of Pope John Paul II, titled *From a Far Country* — John Paul II.

Sirimavo, son to patch up rift

COLOMBO, Sept. 4 (AP) — Former Sri Lanka Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike and her son, Anura, who have been pitted against each other in a bitter quarrel within their opposition Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) for several weeks, have taken the first step toward patching up their differences.

"The healing process has begun. Various people including influential Buddhist monks are interceding. There have been various talks and a settlement is in sight," an SLFP source said Friday.

The infighting within the SLFP has led to bitter correspondence between Mrs. Bandaranaike and her chief adversary, deputy party president Maipripala Senanayake.

Anura was Senanayake's chief lieutenant at one stage of the battle. Mrs. Bandaranaike said in a letter to the man who had acted as head of her government on several occasions

when she was abroad that "you can't even issue a statement without dragging Mr. Anura Bandaranaike's name into it."

The battling led to Mrs. Bandaranaike suspending Senanayake, Anura and their leading supporters from the SLFP. They have gone to court and challenged this order. They have also asked for an injunction restraining Mrs. Bandaranaike from interfering with their rights as SLFP members.

Anura, who has been appointed acting secretary of the SLFP by the Maipripala Senanayake group, has repeatedly said that their group had no reservations in accepting Mrs. Bandaranaike as the party leader.

But they charge that she is the prisoner of a discredited group of politicians in which Anura has included his sister, Chandrika, and her film star husband, Vijaya Kumaranatunge, who is also politically active.

Gangs fight jackpot war in France

PARIS, Sept. 4 (AFP) — A gangland war has broken out in France over the lucrative new "jackpot" slot-machine racket in France with two typically brutal slayings.

Rene Boudkaz, a 41-year-old Corsican slot-machine dealer, and his associate Gerard Chardonner, 31, were both shot in separate incidents while driving their cars in Paris. Both had police records. In each case, two men on a powerful motorcycle roared up to the victim and the pillion passenger then opened fire. Police have no clues to the murderers.

But they have no doubt about the motive — it is one more move in the bitter struggle to obtain control of the slot-machine racket. French law differs from most countries over slot machines. It banned the "jackpot" ones which give a cash prize — the only ones that interest the criminal underworld.

The problem arises with the "jackpot" machine, made in Britain and the United States and imported through Belgium. One of these machines bring in an average of about 2,000 francs (about \$350) daily. Roughly one-quarter is won by the client, and the rest divided between the "jackpot" owner and the bistro.

For the whole secret of this racket is that the gangs retain ownership of their "jackpot" slot machines and only lease them out to bistros. Last year the gangs were only active in "placing" their machines in Marseilles and along the French Riviera, but in recent months they have been creeping northward until they have reached the vast Paris playground. This is where they have come across rival gangs, and why shootings have started. Police expect many more.

Amputee shoots doctor to death

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (AP) — A man confined to a wheelchair after both legs were amputated entered a military veterans hospital here Thursday and allegedly shot a doctor to death, police said. The 70-year-old doctor, whose name was withheld pending notification of relatives, was killed as he was examining another patient, officials said.

The doctor was the assistant chief of rehabilitative medicine at Manhattan's Veterans Administration Hospital. He was supervisor of amputee rehabilitative medicine in 1979, when the alleged gunman underwent his operation, hospital officials said.

Joseph Di Martino, inspector in charge of Manhattan detectives, said 55-year-old James Rock was arrested on the first floor of the hospital.

Rock, a veteran who lost both his legs below the knee because of complications from diabetes, allegedly pushed the room door open and held it ajar with his wheelchair. Then he allegedly pulled out a .25-caliber revolver and pumped three shots into the doctor. Di Martino said.

4 Soviet ships seen in Pacific

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (AP) — The four-ship Soviet task force off the coast of Oregon may be engaged in "freedom of navigation" voyage to assert the right of Soviet vessels to be in international waters anywhere in the world, the U.S. State Department has said.

Department spokesman Dean Fischer said Thursday the U.S. Navy routinely conducts such exercises near the Soviet Union. Fischer said the actual intentions of the Soviet ships are unknown.

He said that last reported position of the Soviet task group was about 250 nautical miles southwest of Astoria, Ore. Fischer said that the Kara-class cruiser, two Krivak-class frigates and an ocean naval oiler were continuing to head south.

"Soviet naval operations in the mid and eastern Pacific are uncommon although they have occurred previously," Fischer said. He said similar Soviet task groups appeared in that region in 1971 and 1974 and that two guided missile destroyers and an oiler made a port call in Vancouver, Canada in 1976.

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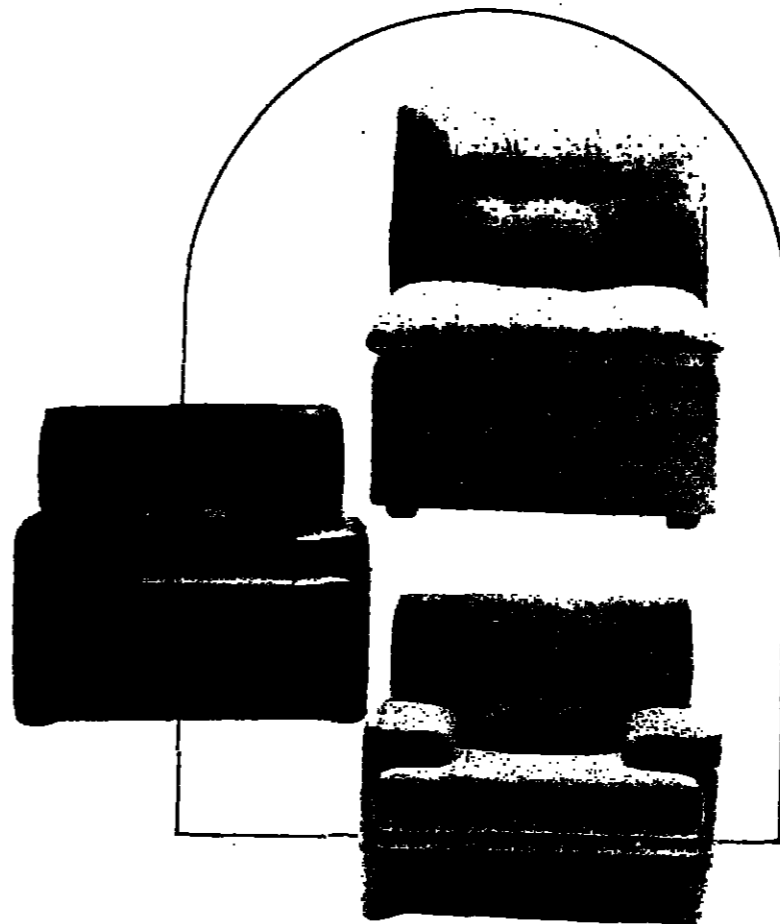
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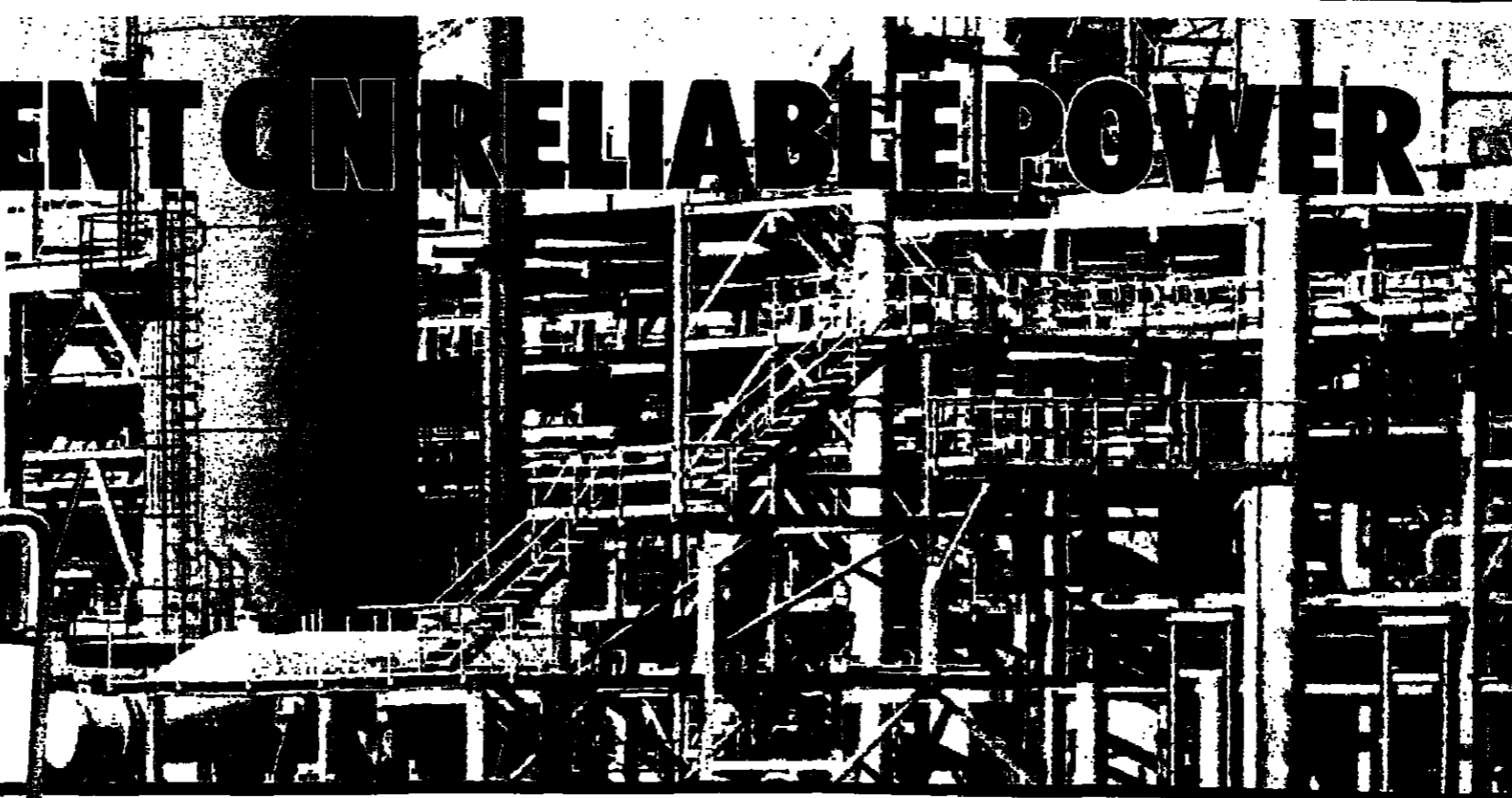


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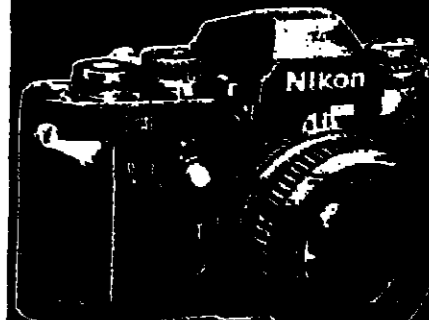


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Malaysia criticized

Malaysia to review Commonwealth link

KLUMPUR, Sept. 4 (R) — Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Mahathir bin Muhammad's decision not to attend the Commonwealth conference in Melbourne this week is a blow to the organization's prestige, diplomats said Friday.

Mahathir has announced he would send his deputy, Tan Sri Ghazali Shafie, to Melbourne rather than go himself or send another minister. Datuk Musa Hitam, a prominent spokesman said Thursday the minister could not attend because of his commitments.

Mahathir, who took office seven weeks ago, has been critical of Britain and Australia recently. He has questioned the role of the Commonwealth in the region. He said the Commonwealth was little more than a nice club and Malaysia would review what benefits its membership brought.

Malaysia's involvement with the European Economic Community had weakened the Commonwealth.

Diplomatic observers said Mahathir seemed to regard the Commonwealth as a historical grouping without great political importance. Shortly before taking over as prime minister, he publicly attacked Britain for its negative contribution to Malaysia's development since independence. He has also publicly criticized Australia and not taken up invitations to visit that country.

The diplomatic observers say that Malaysia, a member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, may see its future international role through these two groups rather than through the Commonwealth.

Danes convicted for smuggling kid

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 4 (AFP) — A Danish couple has been given a three-month suspended prison sentence for hiding from Danish authorities a child they allegedly bought and illegally smuggled out of Thailand in June 1980.

Karin and Svend Mortensgaard were handed the sentence Thursday by a court in the west central of Holstebro. The baby, Louise, was 11 months old when the Mortensgaards smuggled her into Denmark in a shopping bag, reports said.

In November, Mrs. Mortensgaard, who had gone into hiding with the child, gave herself up to police. The couple lost a court battle to keep Louise in Denmark and she was returned to Thailand. Thai authorities had considered the affair serious and demanded the child's return.

Senegalese president meets with Mitterrand

PARIS, Sept. 4 (AP) — The proposed union of Senegal and Gambia was the major topic of discussion Thursday between Senegalese President Abdou Diouf and French President Francois Mitterrand at the Elysee Palace.

Diouf, speaking briefly to reporters after the meeting, said he briefed the French president on current problems in Gambia, where a recent attempt to overthrow the government was thwarted only by the intervention of Senegalese troops.

Diouf proposed a merger of Senegal, a former French colony, and Gambia, an English-speaking former British colony, is being studied by the two governments.

BRIEFS

LAGOS (AFP) — A Nigerian surgeon, the swiftest solution to a case of acute malaria, removed 87 metal objects from the stomach of a young man admitted to General Hospital as an emergency case. The Nigerian news agency NAN said here. The booty included a nail, a bunch of 32 keys, coins, safety pins, a ring, a ring, one ear-ring, a watchstrap and other pieces.

KLUMPUR (AFP) — The exodus of Muslims appears to be gaining momentum with another 76 landing on the island northwest holiday resort island of Langkawi Thursday. They were landed in motor boats which quickly sped off. 251 Burmese have landed on this island near the Thai frontier.

NEW DELHI (AP) — External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao said Friday that India and other nonaligned nations will

launch an international campaign against the United States decision to manufacture neutron warheads. Rao told parliament the proposed nonaligned action would follow discussions among movement leaders at the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

BANGKOK (AFP) — Vietnam Friday denounced China for allegedly mistreating 13 Vietnamese prisoners "illegally captured" inside disputed territory, the Vietnamese News Agency (VNA), monitored here, said.

COLOMBO (AFP) — President J.R. Jayewardene has sacked Deputy Minister of Regional Development G.V. Panchinalame, it was announced Friday. No official reason was given for the dismissal but informed sources said the president's move may be connected with recent communal violence in the Ramapura region, represented by Panchinalame in Sri Lanka parliament.

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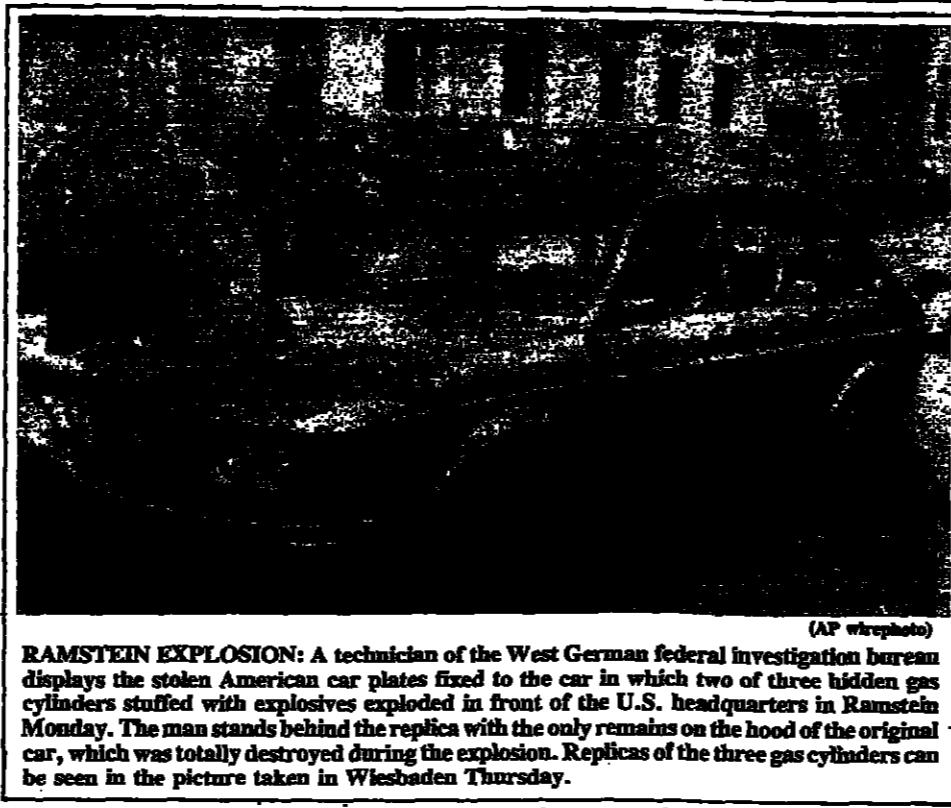
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Against American city \$50m suit filed in jail death

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 4 (AP) — Relatives of a college football star found hanged in a jail cell has filed a \$50 million wrongful death claim after a coroner's inquest ruled that the student died "at the hands of another."

The claim against the city of Signal Hill was filed Thursday, one day after a coroner's jury ruled 5-4 that the player, Ron Settles, did not commit suicide, as police in the Los Angeles suburb contend.

The 21-year-old running back for California State University-Long Beach was found hanging from the bars of his cell June 2 after he was jailed on traffic charges. Settles' family contends police were responsible.

The wrongful death claim contends the city is guilty of negligent conduct by officers, negligent hiring and retention of officers, deprivation of Settles' civil rights and his right to live, and deprivation of the civil rights of his parents.

"There is no question it (the claim) will be denied," said George Franciscell, lawyer for Signal Hill police officers involved in the case. "It is outrageous, and the man hanged himself. It's as simple as that."

Los Angeles county Throner Thomas Naguchi, who originally listed Settles' death as a suicide, said the jury's finding "connotes not an accident and not suicide. That would mean homicide." Asked if that means police were responsible for the death, Naguchi said, "it implies that."

U.S. helps ensure peace in E. Asia, says Suzuki

OSAKA, Japan Sept. 4 (Agencies) — The United States military presence in East Asia was the most important factor for peace in the region, Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki said at the fifth Japan-America assembly here Friday.

Japan will help the countries in East Asia with their nation-building efforts and will play a political role to assure peace and stability in the region, he told the closing session of the private forum for dialogue between prominent Japanese and Americans at Oiso, south of Tokyo.

He said while a crisis does not exist in Asia that could result in a global catastrophe, the presence of U.S. military power itself is the most important factor that assures peace in the region. In his closing speech before some 80 Japanese and American delegates, Suzuki pointed out at the same time that the Soviet Union's moves were a factor of instability for the region.

Seemingly to speak out to the United States on behalf of other Asian nations, he said the liberated markets of the advanced Western countries were an important factor supporting the economic development of East Asia.

On South Korea, Suzuki said Japan put a high value on the fact that South Korea's defense efforts and the presence of U.S. troops were helping to maintain the balance of power on the Korean peninsula.

U.S. Sen. John Glenn called on Japan Thursday night to cooperate with the United States in defending the Middle East and spend more than one percent of its gross national product (GNP) for national defense. Addressing the forum on the second day, he proposed that Japan make non-military contributions to American defense activities in the Middle East.

Glenn indirectly asked Japan to bear costs for the transportation of U.S. military material and equipment, maintenance of facilities and repair works in the region, saying that the cost to maintain American forces in the Middle East is soaring and the U.S. needs to

transfer some of its military personnel and equipment from the Pacific to the Indian Ocean. Commenting on the Japanese government's policy limiting Japan's defense spending within one percent of its GNP, Glenn said that such a policy will endanger Japan and harm its friendly relations with other countries.

Meanwhile, a former member of the U.S. National Security Council called Thursday for deployment of Cruise missiles in the western Pacific, a proposal which Japanese Foreign Minister Sunao Gonoda promptly rejected.

Richard Solomon told the Oiso assembly that the missiles would help counter the threat of a nuclear attack from Soviet bases in the region. He said the recent Soviet deployment of Mobile SS-20 medium-range missiles and backfire bombers had put the Asian region and local U.S. bases under the threat of such an assault.

Elephant species facing extinction

LONDON, Sept. 4 (AFP) — Elephants could be extinct before the end of the century, a Cambridge University biologist has warned. Stewart Etringham told the British Association's annual meeting in York that there were once 23 species of elephants spread throughout the world but now only two remained — the African and the Asian.

He said recent estimates put the number of African species at 1,343,000 and that of the Asian species at somewhere between 13,220 and 42,000. "Numbers are falling in 18 of the 33 countries where the African elephant still exists and the Asian elephant is everywhere in decline," Etringham said.

The greatest threat to African elephants is the ivory trade which has led to widespread poaching," he said. "The Asian elephant is more at risk from habitat destruction."

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Canadians disagree on U.S. air safety

OTTAWA, Sept. 4 (AP) — Canadian transport officials and air traffic controllers gave conflicting opinions Thursday about the safety of U.S. airspace a month after 12,000 American controllers walked off their jobs.

Bill Robertson, president of the Canadian Air Traffic Control Association, said monitoring reports showed U.S. planes were "getting closer all the time" in the air. "Pretty soon we won't be talking about how close they came, we'll be talking about why they hit."

Robertson spoke to reporters after a transport department official declared U.S. airspace safe despite the Aug. 3 walkout by the controllers, who were fired soon after by President Ronald Reagan.

"I'm totally satisfied...that they're operating a safe system," Walter McLeish, Canadian air administrator, told a news conference. He said a flight he took to Washington Tuesday to meet U.S. Federal Aviation Administration officials had convinced him American operations were as safe or safer than before the strike.

The American system has been operating at about 80 percent capacity, using non-striking controllers and supervisors. An estimated 150 Canadian controllers briefly refused to handle traffic to and from the United States until their union and the government agreed on a means of monitoring trans-border air safety.

Fall in U.S. interest rates ruled out

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (AFP) — Rates of interest in the United States look like remaining high for a considerable time yet, most analysts have predicted.

Interest rates, they stressed, were fixed in relation to supply of and demand for liquidity but, on the supply side, the Federal Reserve Board seemed more determined than ever to restrict growth of the U.S. money supply severely, in order to remove the cancer of inflation. On the demand side, no reduction was expected in the immediate future.

The American economy appeared each at more responsive anticipated to high interest rates. It showed some signs of a decline, analysts said, but business was still far from a recession which would lessen the private sector's appetite for credit.

It appears that Volcker is sticking more firmly than ever to his anti-inflationist policy, thus forcing the president to curtail his ambitions to rearm the United States.



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'Windfall for companies'

Canadian oil accord flayed

OTTAWA, Sept. 4 (R) — Opposition politicians accused the government of going back on election pledges and fueling inflation by its new agreement with the oil producing province of Alberta.

But oil companies, which will get more cash from revenue-sharing measures in the agreement, said it would encourage exploration and development. Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed said the province's 21.5 percent oil production cuts in protest against federal energy policies would be reversed by next Tuesday.

Alberta, which produces 90 percent of Canadian oil, slashed output by 120,000 barrels a day earlier this year. A final cut of 60,000 barrels was in force only a few hours before Lougheed and Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau signed the agreement Tuesday.

The accord provided for a new system under which prices of Canadian oil, subsidized by the government, will rise to 75 percent of world levels over five years. Revenue will be split between Ottawa, Alberta and the industry in a way which all seem happy with.

Dome Petroleum, one of the biggest Canadian oil firms and a leader in Arctic exploration, welcomed the accord as providing a sound basis for the petroleum industry to move Canada toward oil self-sufficiency.

But spokesman Ian Waddell of the Socialist New Democratic Party (NDP) said the extra revenue for the companies — \$10 billion more over the next five years than under

previous Ottawa plans — meant the industry was the big winner. "The big loser is the Canadian consumer, who must pay for this windfall," he said. Consumer oil prices will more than double by 1986 under the agreement, though they will stay well under those paid in most other countries.

The main opposition party, the Progressive Conservatives, accused the government of going back on promises made during last year's general election campaign to keep oil prices low. Conservative spokesman Michael Wilson said the Liberals had won power by pledging to keep oil prices down, but had in fact forced them higher.

Canada, rich in oil and natural gas, has an overall energy surplus, because of which governments feel there is no need to charge world prices at home. But it imports about one-third of its oil needs. To keep prices even across the country, the government pays refiners in eastern Canada, which use imported oil, the difference between Alberta's price and world prices.

The domestic price is currently \$18.75 (U.S. \$15.60) a barrel — less than half the world level. Under the agreement, prices of 'old oil' from existing wells will rise in six-monthly jumps to 75 percent of world levels by 1986. The pump price of petrol will rise to about 80 cents a liter or 3.60 dollars (3.00 U.S.) per gallon by 1987 — which is still cheaper than in most countries but more than double the present Canadian price.

China to buy more grains from West

PEKING, Sept. 4 (AFP) — China intends to import more agricultural products — especially grain — from Western Europe, the head of a European parliamentary delegation said here Friday.

Gilles Martinet, a French Socialist, arrived

here Monday for a 10-day official visit to China with 16 representatives of various political groups in the European Parliament.

He said after talks with Chinese officials that Peking wanted to stick to its high grain import from both the United States and Western Europe. This would enable China to reduce its trade deficit with the European Economic Community (EEC), he added. The trade between China and Western Europe increased to \$4,910 million last year.

Martinet said that his delegation had told Chinese leaders they would not be able to increase their imports of Chinese textile because employment in the European textile industry had upped 25 percent between 1973 and 1980.

Finland shies from building Libyan N-unit

HELSINKI, Sept. 4 (R) — The Finnish power company Imatran Voima has said it has scrapped plans to participate with the Soviet Union in building a nuclear power station in Libya following delays over the project.

The company runs two Soviet-built plants of 440 megawatts each at Loviisa in southern Finland for which it provided the housing and instrumentation. It had declared an interest in cooperation with the Soviet Union on similar projects in third countries.

A spokesman said Thursday the company and its intended subcontractors in Finland had now dropped the scheme for Libyan power station after persistent delays, possibly caused through administrative reorganization in Libya which had held it up for more than a year.

The decision to scrap the project on the present basis was not influenced by politics but had been affected by Soviet declaration that the Finnish offer was too expensive, he said. There was speculation that France might be prepared to compete with the Soviet Union over the opportunity to build the plant, the spokesman said.

Britain's new jet takes to the sky

HATFIELD, England, Sept. 4 (AP) — Britain's first new jetliner for more than a decade — the British Aerospace 146 — made its maiden flight Thursday and officials said it went even better than expected.

After 70 minutes in the air, chief test pilot Michael Goodfellow said of the new short-haul jet: "The aircraft behaved even better than predicted. It was very encouraging."

British Aerospace has taken orders for 35 of the fuel-efficient, 109-seater aircraft, known as the BAe-146. Britain's first plane since the Anglo-French Concorde, which had its maiden flight in 1979. The aircraft, which British Aerospace describes as a quiet commuter liner, is being assembled at Hatfield near London from parts produced at five factories in Britain.

Swedes develop plastic bicycle

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 4 (AP) — A Swedish company says it has developed the world's first plastic bicycle, which it hopes will become a best-seller.

"This is the first functioning plastic bicycle in the world," said project technical manager Ingvar Javer of Itera Development Center AB, a privately owned company.

The bike — which producers claim is virtually free of maintenance and rust — was developed by its former product innovators at automaker Volvo.

The new product was shown to the press this week in the west coast city of Goteborg. Newspaper reports were positive, although some reporters who rode the test bike said it was a bit wobbly. Most components — such as the unisex frame, the wheels, the handlebars and the forks — are made of composite, a plastic material reinforced with glass fiber.

Javer, interviewed by the Associated Press Wednesday, said composite is "stronger than steel if you compare weight and property." At the press show a technician demonstrated the strength of the plastic material by slamming an eight-spoke wheel into the street several times. "We felt bicycles had not changed for the last 100 years," Javer said. "Using today's materials we developed a better bicycle."

EEC talks open today

BRUSSELS, Sept. 4 (AFP) — The foreign ministers of the European Economic Community's ten-member states are scheduled this coming weekend to gather once more for one of the semi-annual informal meetings, this time in Britain.

These meetings are not supposed to have any firm agenda and are not expected either to come up with firm decisions. Nevertheless, informed circles here said that topics expected to come up would definitely include EEC budget reform and a wide range of international problems.

The meeting is to take place at Brocket Hall, a stately home 30km (18 miles or so) from London. A seven-year-old tradition has it that these informal sessions are held in the country of the current chairman, right now Lord Carrington of Britain.

Concerning the budget issue, the EEC's executive commission last June came up with proposals that the ten ministers will now be able to examine. They focus on the community's agricultural budget making up 70 percent of the EEC budget overall.

The agricultural budget has traditionally benefited the most those countries with the biggest agricultural production, notably among them France. Britain on the other

hand receives very little of that money and is strenuously opposed to the present system.

Proposals will likely be studied by the ministers about some form of compensation being paid to those countries who benefit less from the common charge for EEC agriculture budget than the others.

Last June, the new French government asked for time, and was granted an extra two months to work up its own proposals.

The atmosphere at Brocket Hall, however, risks being somewhat inky with the recent friction between France and Italy and another trade war over poultry between Britain and France.

International problems to be reviewed, EEC sources here predicted, would include the Middle East, with a timely report from French foreign minister Claude Cheysson following his recent visit to the area and encounter with Yasser Arafat, the head of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Britain will press for urgent reform of the EEC budget now that the two-month period which Franco requested to work out its position has expired. Britain and West Germany object strongly to their large contributions to the budget, two-thirds of which is spent on subsidies and assistance to farmers.



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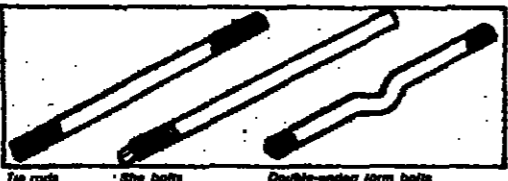
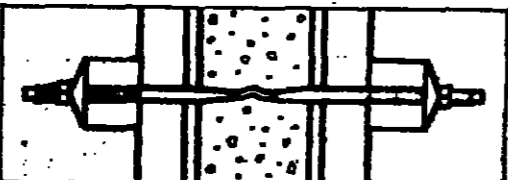
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